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| Title of Invention | A Method for the Detection of Osteoarthritis Related Gene Transcripts in Blood |
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| As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that: | |
| This declaration is directed to: | |
| | [] The attached application, or |
| | [X] Application No., 10/809,675 filed on, March 25, 2004 |
| | [] as amended on (if applicable); |
| I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought; | |
| I/have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; | |
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